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The Honorable Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20150

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20150

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. As you continue work on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, I respectfully request that the legislation allow work to continue at the Tres Rios aquatic ecosystem restoration project in Phoenix, AZ, and the Rio de Flag flood control project in Flagstaff, AZ, notwithstanding the requirements of section 902 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986.

Both of these projects have enjoyed significant congressional support for decades, and have received appropriations to continue carrying out work as a part of the project. However, due to escalating project costs, both projects risk being unable to continue work without Congressional action due to requirements established for all Corps projects under Section 902 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986. Section 902 prevents work from projects continuing if costs rise more than 20 percent above the project's authorized level.

With both of these projects last authorized nearly 20 years ago, and with construction costs rising across the board, I ask that the WRDA 2022 bill raise the 902 limit for both projects, to allow work to continue unabated.

Thank you again for your ongoing leadership and your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly  
United States Senator